

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claim 62 and the indication of allowability of Claims 64 and 65. Claim 63 has been amended to include the recitation of Claim 64 and Applicant presents with this amendment a new Claim 66, including the recitation of previous Claims 63 and 65. Claims 63 and 66 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 through 44, 48, 49, 51, 52, 57 through 61 and 64 and 65 are canceled.

Applicant presents with this amendment amended Claims 45 and 55, both in independent form, and amended to include recitation regarding one hinge plate including an elastically deflectable retainer part for retaining a hinge pin in a pin receiving bore of the one hinge plate. Accordingly, Claims 45 and 55 now include recitation which is indicated to be patentably novel and reconsideration for allowance of Claims 45 and 55, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 46, 47, 50, 53 and 54 remain in the application dependent on amended Claim 45 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth in regard to Claim 45. Claim 56 remains in the application dependent on Claim 55.

The amendments to independent Claims 45 and 55 are believed to clearly distinguish these claims over US Patent 5,992,497 to Jaehnen. Applicant respectfully submits that Jaehnen clearly does not disclose or suggest the provision of a hinge plate with a pin receiving bore and an elastically deflectable retainer part associated therewith and which receives a hinge pin of a cooperating hinge plate by being elastically deflected and restored to a position to retain the hinge pin in the pin receiving bore as required by Claim 45 or to retain the hinge pins in the pin receiving bores with elastically deflectable retainer parts as required by Claim 55.

Applicant requests entry of this amendment in its entirety and consideration for allowance of Claims 45 through 47, 50, 53 through 56, 62, 63 and 66. This amendment is not believed to require further extensive consideration or a new search. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance of the claims now presented is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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